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MISS JOYCE LORAINE WRIGHT

Engagement Is Announced

Mrs. Edgar Martin Wright, Sr., of Buckingham, announces the engagement of her daughter, Joyce Loraine, to Stephen Cline Keith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Edwin Keith of Marietta, Ohio.

Miss Wright was graduated from Longwood College and East Tennessee State University. She is currently employed as a librarian in Buckingham County schools.

Mr. Keith was graduated from Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, where he was a member of Kappa Sigma International Fraternity. He received a master's degree from the University of Virginia. Mr. Keith is currently employed as special education coordinator for Prince Edward County schools.

A June wedding is being planned.

Surprise Birthday

Garden Club Plans Plant Sale

The Concord Garden Club met with Mae Kelly and Jo Pratt for its March meeting.

The club discussed plans to have Concord designated a bird sanctuary. They hope to present information to the town citizens that will encourage them enjoyment and protection of birds in this activity.

A Garden and Bake Sale will be conducted on April 23 at the Big Horn Market. There will be house plants, bulbs, iris roots, plants and seedlings available as well as food. This is the club's main fund raising project to support sending youngsters to the Nature Camp of the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs.

For their participation in bringing exhibits and flower arrangements the following awards were made: Lena LaChapelle, 2 blues, 2 reds; Jo Pratt, 3 blue, 5 red; Christine McKensie, 3 red; Louise Hite, 1 red; Margaret Harmond, 1 red, 1 yellow; Martha Webb, 1 red; Becky Olsen, 1 yellow.

Reception

Cassie Baldwin has a pleasant surprise Sunday night after the church service when Mrs. Aulden Roach, Mrs. Rachel Ranson, Mrs. Bill Caldwell, Mrs. Mary Edith Morris and Mrs. H. E. Ranson had a reception for her.

Around 75 friends gathered to wish her a happy birthday. She received many cards and lovely gifts and short notes from the small children with wishes for many more occasions

Cake and punch were served. The cake was home made and Odelle Paulette decorated it. Thanks to everyone for remembering and doing so much. Older one gets, the sweeter the birthdays.

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ASCS Today

By Tom Conrad

Emergency Feed Program and Hay Transportation Assistance Program - All producers in the county are reminded that the Emergency Feed Program (EFP) and the Hay Transportation Assistance Program (HTAP) will both end on April 30, 1977. Producers who have not filed an application(s) but have intentions of doing so should stop by the ASCS office at their earliest convenience. Producers who have filed an application and have been approved should submit their bills for reimbursement as soon as possible.

Beef and Pork Consumption Up - Beef consumption during 1976 totaled a record 129 pounds per person, up almost 9 pounds from the previous high in 1975. This increase in beef consumption, plus a 3-pound increase in per capita pork consumption, pushed red meat consumption to a record 193 pounds for 1976. This was 12 pounds above the 1975 level and 1 pound above the previous record set in 1971. Commercial red meat production during 1976 totaled a record 39 billion pounds, up almost 8 percent from 1975.

The large beef consumption of 1976 was the result of increases in both commercial beef production and beef imports. Commercial beef production reached a record 25.7 billion pounds, 8 percent above the 1975 level, and beef imports were 2.0 billion pounds, an increase of 14 percent.

Pork consumption was 58 pounds per person during 1976, up 3 pounds from last year but still the lowest-per-person total since 1939. Commercial pork production totaled 12 billion pounds for 1976, while pork imports decreased to 420 million pounds.

Per capita veal consumption remained high at 4 pounds, as cattle producers continued to sell off large numbers of calves. Commercial veal production reached 813 million pounds, a slight decline from 1975, but still the second highest level since the mid-1960's. Lamb and mutton consumption held almost steady during 1976 at just under 2 pounds per person. Commercial production was 361 million pounds, down 10 percent from 1975's level, while imports were 39 million pounds, up 44 percent.

Grading Commenced At Pamplin

The Pamplin Ruritan Club has organized Pamplin Community Center Incorporated. All members of the Pamplin Ruritans are also members of the Pamplin Community Center, Inc. The March meeting included a business session of the Community Center, Inc. followed by the regular Ruritan Club meeting.

The Community Center committee reports that grading on the Community Center ball field is well underway. W. Frank Moore of Appomattox was the lowest of four bidders. Grading should be completed this week. Previously, underground drains were installed to remove seepage. Rockydale Quarry donated the crushed stone and O. H. Tolley donated the hauling. Appomattox Hardware donated labor and equipment.

Members of the Pamplin Community Center, Incorporated elected Jim Williams, President; J. M. Cobb, Jr., Vice President; Frank Sweet, Secretary; and H. Earl Covington, Treasurer. Wilson Harvey, Robert McClenny, Jr. and Gilmer Young are directors of the corporation.

Sam Kerr, Appomattox County Commonwealth Attorney, was recognized for donating the legal work for the Community Center, Inc. Members authorized the officers of the Center to borrow up to $25,000 to finance the project. Finance chairman Ryland Womack reported that work on lighting the field will begin as soon as grading is completed. Target date for completion is July 4.

The Pamplin Ruritans initiated Ralph Hamlett and Steve Neville into the club. The club will again sponsor a little league baseball team and will held send a child to Camp Easter Seal. Brownie Troop #328 will be co-sponsored by the Pamplin Ruritans and ladies of Piney Ridge Methodist Church.

Roy Cheatham, forester with WESTVACO presented a forestry film, "A Cycle of Growth." The excellent film takes the tree through its growth, to the paper mill, to the finished product.

Bailey Promoted

MARCH 22 - Navy Commander Eugene R. Bailey, whose wife, Juanita, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel B. Hicks, of Box 28, Spout Spring, Va., has been promoted to his present rank while serving with Naval Surface Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet, San Diego.

He joined the Navy in February, 1961.

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